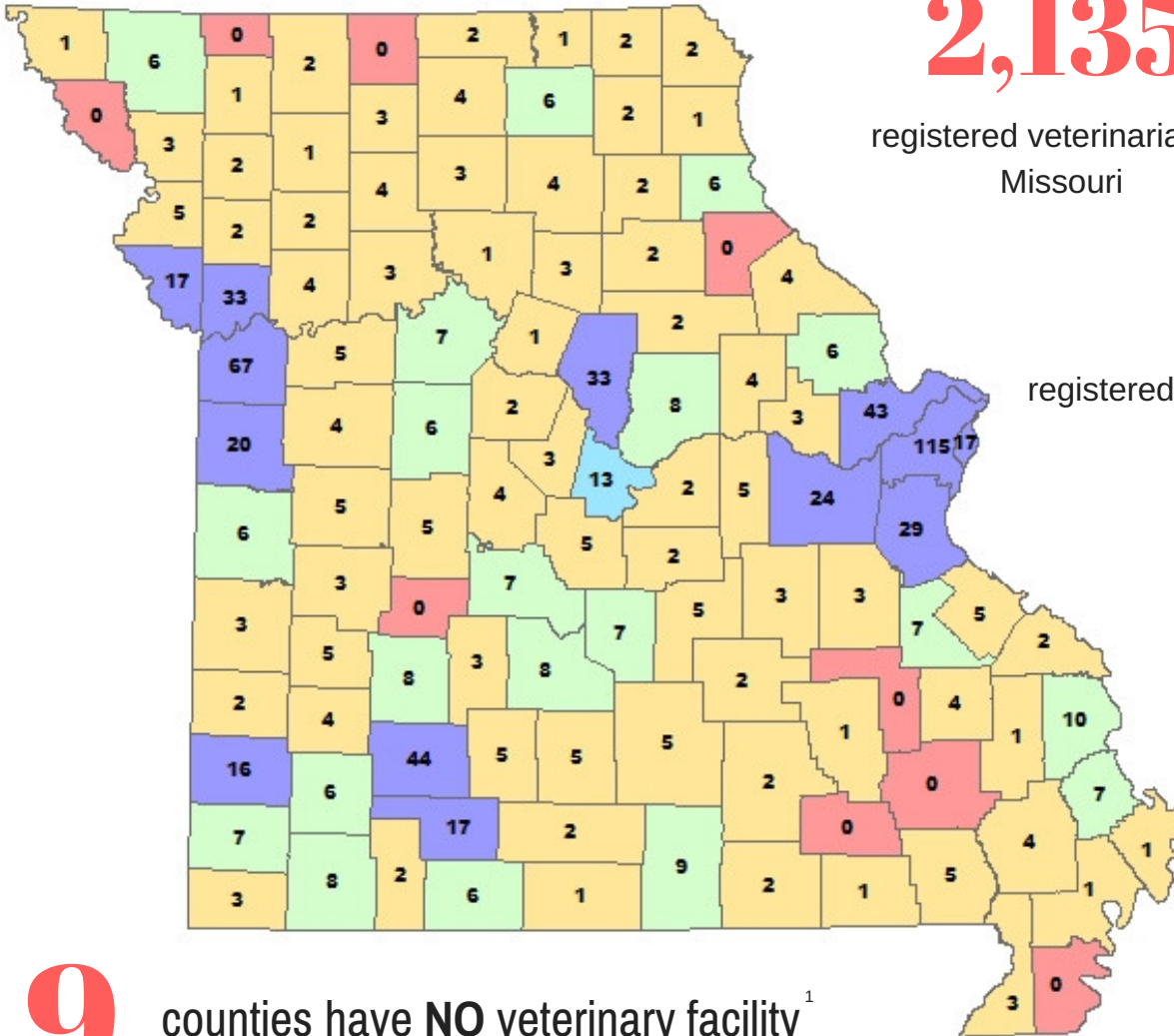


Veterinary Services in Rural Missouri

Number of Veterinary Facilities in
Missouri ¹



2,135 ¹

registered veterinarians in
Missouri



813 ¹

registered veterinary technicians
in Missouri

There are over
1 million dogs
and over 1.5
million cats in
Missouri ²

9 counties have NO veterinary facility ¹

In Missouri ²

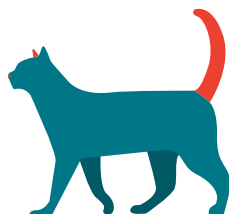
Dogs

260,000

Cats

679,000

do not receive annual veterinary care



863,000 ²

Households have dogs in
Missouri

718,000 ²

Households have cats in
Missouri

¹ Missouri Division of Professional Registration. (2017). Missouri Division of Professional Registration. Retrieved May 03, 2017, from <http://pr.mo.gov/listings-vet.asp>

² American Veterinary Medical Association. (2017). U.S. Pet Ownership Statistics. Retrieved May 03, 2017, from <https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Statistics/Pages/Market-research-statistics-US-pet-ownership.aspx>

Why is veterinary care important to human health?

- In the state of Missouri only licensed veterinarians are allowed to administer rabies vaccinations
- Zoonotic diseases, such as parasites, are often acquired through domestic pets, and are often preventable with proper veterinary care
- Approximately 60% of all human diseases and 75% of all emerging infectious diseases originate from animals ⁵

Zoonotic diseases are carried by animals that can spread to humans. ⁷

Common Zoonotic Diseases: ⁵

- E. coli
- Hook, Round, and Tape Worms
- Influenza
- Leptospirosis
- Psittacosis (Parrot Fever)
- Rabies
- Ringworm
- Salmonella
- Scabies
- Toxoplasmosis
- Tularemia

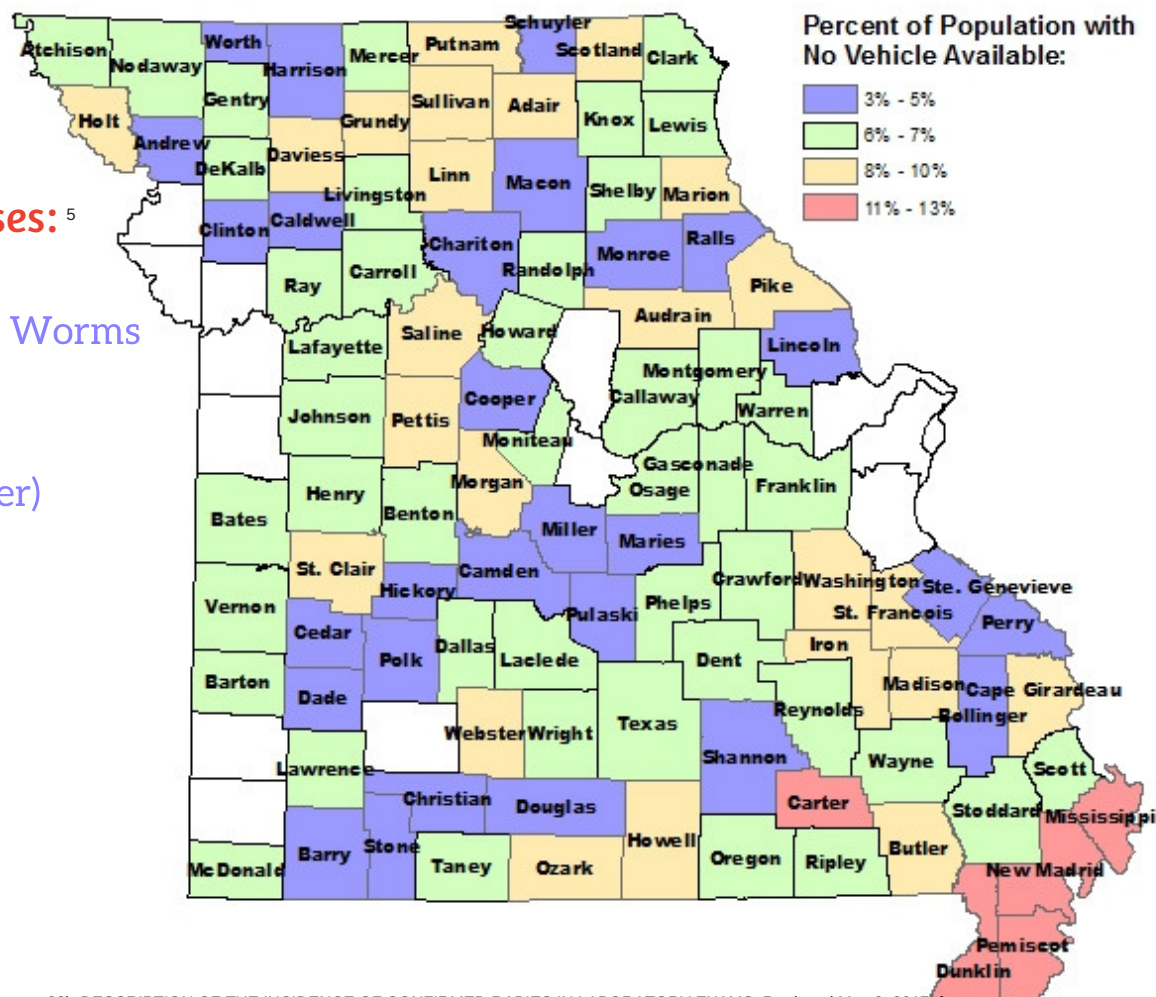
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animals have tested positive for rabies in the past decade in Missouri



Why rural areas have difficulty accessing veterinary care:

Transportation is one of the biggest concerns for pet owners in rural areas. Many owners will not seek regular veterinary care for their pets because the closest vet is too far away, and they do not have adequate transportation to get there. ⁴



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⁴ Vetary. (2017). Improve Pet Care by Removing Obstacles. Retrieved May 03, 2017, from <https://www.vetary.com/resources/improve-pet-care-by-removing-obstacles>

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